

The Wolverine Pack

WAVERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEWSPAPER

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Mrs. MacWhinnie Interview

By: Mikella Myers

Q. How has the Corona Virus affected you?

A. Covid has affected us in many ways, one nice thing that has come from Covid is spending more time at home with our family and less time going out in public. We've spent time making fun things to play with at our house, like a zip line, and a treehouse. Something that isn't as fun anymore is going grocery shopping by myself. I used to bring the girls with me, and we would make a breakfast date out of the shopping trip, but now they stay home with their Dad and I must go alone!

Q. Do you like the new set up?

A. I don't mind the new schedule this year. I wish we could be together longer throughout the day. The mornings are very busy and we're honestly still trying to get the hang of our new normal. I do not like the mask wearing and the desks in rows. Adjusting my teaching style to the new safety guidelines has been hard and at times sad because there are so many fun things that we can't do right now.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. I like to dabble in photography a little here and there. I love working out, yoga, Pilates, and running. I also enjoy reading suspense novels and am longing to get into another page turner here soon!

Q. Do you like getting out of school early this year?

A. I don't enjoy the fact that students leave earlier this year. It does feel a little chaotic trying to fit everything in during the morning. It's been a balancing act with regards to instruction and pacing.

Q. Have you ever taught outside of Waverly?

A. I have only taught outside of the district during my student teaching where I taught with a wonderful teacher, Janet Giewont at Belle Sherman Elementary School in 2nd grade and then I also taught in Groton in Kindergarten!

Mr. Myers Interview

Q. How was your summer?

A. "Very busy I added an addition on to my house".

Q. How has Covid affected you?

A. "Summer plans were canceled, and students lost a lot of learning".

Q. What was it like switching from 5th grade to 6th grade?

A. "Very easy, I had help from a lot of people that is what made it easier".

Q. Do you like the new setup?

A. "Masks are a huge damper, but the schedule is good it goes by quick, so I have more time to do stuff".

Q. Are you still doing Mathalon this year?

A. "Unfortunately, Mathalon Has been canceled"!

Q. Did you start any new hobbies?

A. "Carpentry, putting on addition, and making a mailbox."

Q. Do you enjoy how we get out earlier this year?

A. "Absolutely, only issue is that we can't have the end of the day connections with the kids".

Q. Do you think this school year will be better than the last one?

A. "As long as we are following guidelines, but we will miss fun nights and pep rallies".

Q. Do you think we will go full online?

A. "Not if we follow the guidelines".

Q. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

A. "On a beach" He told me to end with that. 😊



PIZZA SURVEY

By Elizabeth Robinson

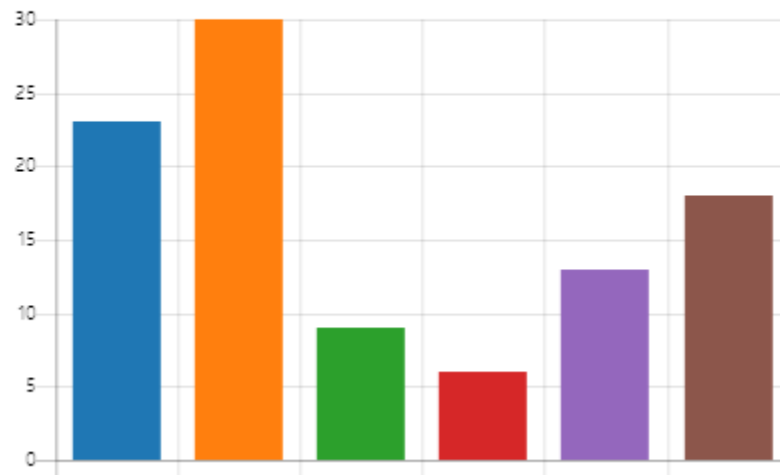
Slice has partnered with more than 12,000 pizzerias nationwide, and its number crunchers have come up with some wild stats. For example, more than 31 million pounds of pizza was ordered through the platform in 2019. While the most popular pizza ordered was just a plain cheese pie, the No. 1 most-ordered topping was pepperoni. In fact, pizzas ordered on Slice used a whopping 2.8 million individual slices of pepperoni

RESULTS WAVERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. What's your favorite pizza topping?

[More Details](#)

● plain cheese	23
● pepperoni	30
● mushrooms	9
● pineapple	6
● ham	13
● meat lovers	18



Sports Interviews

Mr. Girolamo

By: Addison Hunt & Loralye Anthony

I have coached for 40 years. Over that time, I have coached 22 different sports and or levels.

Although, over that time my teams have won multiple sectional titles in bowling (11 girls and boys), Golf (4 consecutive sections titles) #3 in NYS, Track and Field (1 each girls and boys) gymnastics, NCAA college softball regional finals, college woman's Basketball NCAA tournament bid...but the greatest accomplishment has been the lives of student athletes that I have had a positive impact on over 40 years.

Making a difference in someone's life is much more important than any number of wins or awards.

My biggest goal was to coach my own children and help make them as successful as possible

My coaching strengths are that I am extremely organized and pay attention to details. I put the athletes first and helping them become better people is more important than wins or accolades.

My weaknesses are that I have in the past is, let a sport or team become so important that it becomes total focus, when family should always be first because you never know when things will be taken for granted are gone.

Interviewing Mrs. Hogan

by Loralye Anthony and Addison Hunt

Years of experience as a coach?

Coaching girls' varsity soccer for 6 years (and counting) was boy varsity soccer coach for 5 years. I was assistant indoor varsity for 2 years was assistant outdoor varsity track coach for 4 years. **What has been your biggest accomplishment?** While coaching my biggest accomplishments was my girls' varsity soccer team winning the LAC championship for the first time in program history in 2017. **What have been your biggest goals?** One goal I have as a coach is for my team to win sectionals (we have made it to the sectional finals 3 years in a row). **What is your strength as a coach?** I think a strength as a coach I have is stuff in common with my players. I make a point to always be in contact with my players and tell them all the behind the scenes things. I am upfront and open with them I feel it can help us better prepare. I can be scattered at times. I have a million different ideas at the same time, and I find that I fall short in using time wisely. I do not have an assistant coach, so it is hard to organize a practice where my players are idle to focus on their specific positions.

Mr. Kelly: Girls Basketball Coach

By Addison Hunt and Loralie Anthony

Years of experience as a coach :

27 years

What has been your biggest accomplishment while coaching? “Winning 2 state championships in NYS.”

What has been your biggest goals?

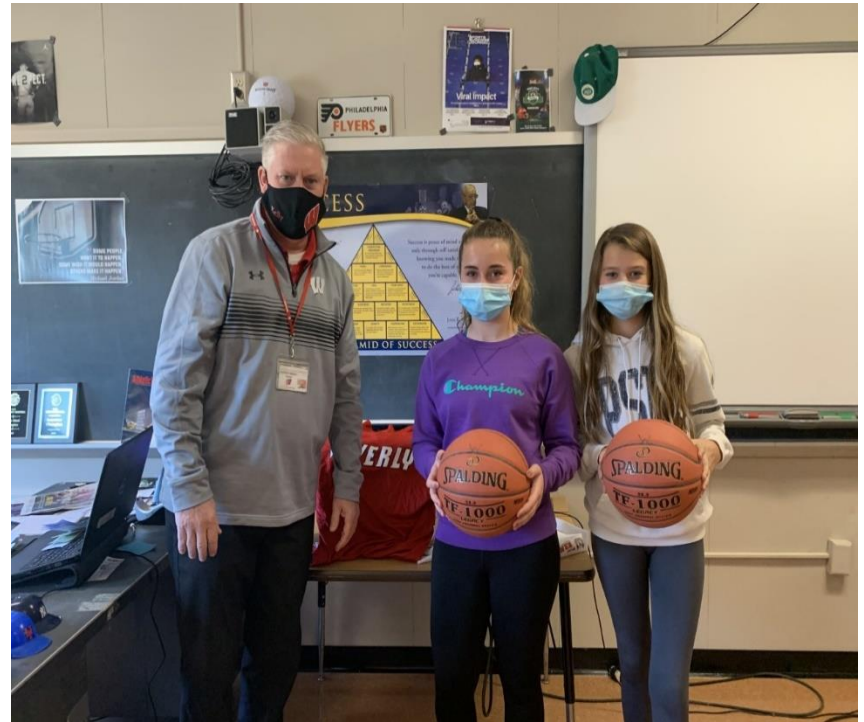
“To assemble a team that comes to practices every day and works hard to care for each other.”

What are your strengths as a coach?

“To focus on the positive and stay positive and have a short memory.”

What is your weakness as a coach?

“Sometimes to be set in ways and be a little open minded and scout to change.”



Interviewing Mr. Judson

By Derek Johnson

What has been your biggest accomplishment as a coach?

“Seeing the success of his former players.”

What has been your biggest disappointment?

Not winning a section title.”

What are your coaching goals?

“Being a role model to players.”

What are your strengths as a coach?

“Very good communicator.”

What are your weaknesses as a coach?

“Overly commanding stubborn.”

Why did you pick to be basketball coach?

“Because he played basketball.”

What was your favorite year as a coach?

“4 years ago.”

Getting to Know Coach

Jeff Mastrantuono

By Jason Peterson & Christopher Blake

Why did you become a coach?

· I began coaching because I enjoy helping students learn new things or improve at sports that have been doing for a long time.

Why do you teach swimming?

· I chose to coach swimming because I enjoy the sport; I liked competing in swim meets in both high school and college. It is great exercise for people of all ages and is something you can continue to do for fun after high school.

Are we having any competitions this year?

· Nobody knows for sure if there will be swim meets this year Or how they may be different from years past at this time.

Do you coach anything else?

· I also coach football in the fall and outdoor track in the spring; I enjoy coaching the sports that I participated in when I was in high school.

Do you get stressed out coaching?

· No, I enjoy having fun and making athletes work hard to achieve their goals.

Fact or Fiction

By Wyatt Freer

1. Spider webs were used in ancient times for bandages.
2. A penny dropped from the Empire State Building can kill you.
3. You can see the Great Wall of China from space.
4. Cotton candy was invented by a dentist.
5. A New Orleans hotel offered \$15,000 to whoever stole the most outrageous item they had.
6. Hair and fingernails still grow after death.
7. A woman lost her ring and found it 16 years later on a carrot in her garden.
8. It takes 7 years for your body to digest a piece of gum.
9. Cracking your knuckles will give you arthritis.
10. The Goodyear blimp is the official bird of Redondo Beach, California.

Facts from Best life and fictions are from Insider.

Answers: 1. fact, 2. fiction, 3. fiction, 4. fact, 5. Fact, 6. fiction, 7. fact, 8. fiction, 9. fiction, 10. fact

Student ID/Lottery

The winners are:

- 5308995
- 5307480
- 5307126
- 5308761
- 5307500

Riddles and Jokes by Megan Shaver

There was an old lady at the bank, and she told me to check her balance, so I pushed her.

I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I?

Part carbon, part water, I am poison to the fishes. Many have falsely claimed my name, for I am the pause that refreshes. What am I?

My grandfather had the heart of a lion and a ban from the NYC zoo.

Back to School

Word Search by James Williams

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 FOOTBALL GOOGLE GYM HEALTH
 HISTORY LAPTOP LIBRARY MATH
 REACH RECESS SCHOOL SCIENCE
 SOCCER TEACHERS TRACK
 VOLLEYBALL WOLVERINE

Did You Know?

By Sierra Allen, Alivia Miccio

Elephants are the largest living animals. There are 3 species: Asian, African Bush, and African Forest elephants.
 A baby elephant is called a calf.
 Elephants eat roots, grass, fruit and bark.

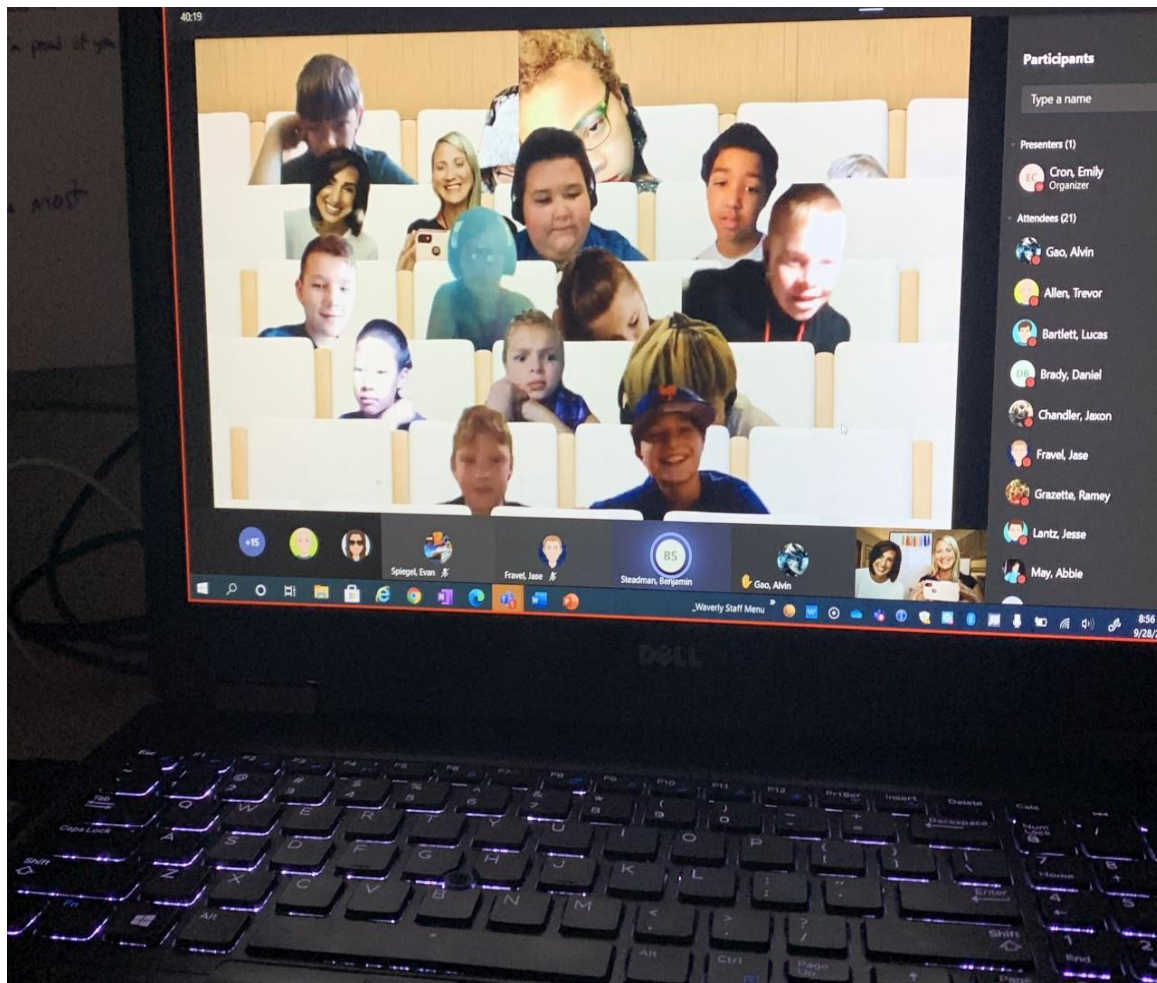
What Do You Know about Rabbits?

By Sierra Cook & Mark Jump

Rabbits are not rodents like rats and mice. They belong to a group of mammals called lagomorphs. Hares and pikas are lagomorphs too.

Wild rabbits eat mainly grass. Rabbits love grass, but there’s not a lot of nutrients in it. Wild rabbits have signals to warn each other if a predator is near. Your pet rabbit doesn’t need to worry about danger- it has you to look after it. A wild rabbit uses its senses of sight, smell, and hearing to avoid dangerous predators. A group of wild rabbits is called a “fluffle or a “colony.”

Do you know what breed of rabbit has the big hanging ears? That would be a French or English Lop. They can weigh up to 11 or 12 pounds! They can live up to 5-8 years. Rabbits can make great pets.



Virtual learners Interview

By Tristan Campbell

Q. How is it better to learn on virtual than in school?

A. "It is better because you can be at home and just lay in bed all day"

Q. What kind of classes do you have on virtual?

A. "Social Studies, math, ELA, and science"

Q. What is your daily schedule?

A. "I try to do 2 and/or 3 things in the morning"

Q. How does it feel to be back in school?

A. "It feels nice to be back in school to see friends"

Q. How nice are your teachers?

A. "They're very nice"